



ANNOUNCEMENT

2008 Tierney Fellowship Recipient Announced

The Market Photo Workshop in partnership with The Tierney Family Foundation is pleased to announce **Tracy Edser** as the recipient of the 2008 **Tierney Fellowship at the Market Photo Workshop**. The goal of this project is to award an aspiring photographer the opportunity to develop their career and skills through this unique mentorship programme.

26 year old Edser is currently studying Photojournalism and Documentary Photography programme (PDP) at the Market Photo Workshop and her work was selected out of several final selected applicants. Edser's personal work thus far has focused on documenting the lives of recovering addicts in and around Johannesburg.

The recipient receives a grant that will enable him or her to develop a proposed body of work in consultation with a mentor over the period of a year. Critique sessions with established photographers, will also form part of the structure of the Mentorship. The Tierney Family Foundation gives an opportunity to create a body of work while the Market Photo Workshop envisages hosting a solo exhibition for Edser as an end result of the year-long process.

Edser's work aims to look into the lives of recovering addicts and mental illness sufferers across South Africa. She states that the enemy is the chemistry of addiction and depression, and that there are many casualties. Edser believes that mental illness and addiction have their own heroes which are so far, unrecorded and uncelebrated. Edser affirms that breaking the secrecy surrounding these illnesses, through an honest and "insider" depiction of "ordinary" people is important to our understanding of a little understood social problem.

The Market Photo Workshop realises the importance of creating opportunities for photographers to cultivate the development of photographers and photography as a medium. The Tierney Fellowship creates an ideal space for a photographer to develop such a body of work.

About The Tierney Fellowship

The Tierney Fellowship was created in 2003 by The Tierney Family Foundation to support emerging artists in the field of photography. The primary goal of the Fellowship is to find aspiring artists who will be tomorrow's leaders and to assist them in overcoming challenges that photographers face at the start of their careers.

Please see <http://www.tierneyfellowship.org/> for more information.

About the Market Photo Workshop:

The Market Photo Workshop was established in the late eighties to support aspiring photographers who were excluded from mainstream photography schools, and those in neglected and marginalized parts of our society. It has since expanded into a renowned photographic resource centre, with many of its graduates working in the local media. Through comprehensive courses and outreach programmes and by engaging photographers, visual artists, educators, students and the broader community, the Photo Workshop plays an integral role in the training of informed and skilled witnesses to South African culture and society.

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